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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM 2, ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR HABITAT

- PREP MEETING.

1. THE MEETING WILL ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN. ELECTION IS USUALLY DETERMINED BY CONSENSUS RATHER THAN BY VOTE. IT IS LIKELY THAT PAST PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED AND THAT A HOST-COUNTRY NATIONAL WILL BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN. SEVERAL VICE-CHAIRMEN WILL BE CHOSEN IN THE SAME MANNER. THE U.S., AS A FULL MEMBER OF ECLA, PARTICIPATES IN THESE ELECTIONS BUT WOULD NOT EXPECT TO BE CHOSEN TO OFFICIATE.

2. U.S. POSITION:

A. THE USDEL MAY JOIN A CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION OF A VENEZUELAN AS CHAIRMAN.

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B. USDEL MAY SUPPORT QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR REMAINING OFFICES WHO APPEAR TO ENJOY GENERAL SUPPORT.

3. THE USDEL MAY INQUIRE INFORMALLY OF THE SECRETARIAT AHEAD OF TIME AS TO THE NATIONALITY OF CANDIDATES TO BE -PROPOSED FOR ELECTION. IN EVENT OF A CUBAN CANDIDACY

USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE IT WITH THE SECRETARIAT, SEEK TO PERSUADE OTHER DELS TO OPPOSE, AND INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

4. BACKGROUND. ELECTIONS OF OFFICIALS AT ECLA MEETINGS HAVE NOT BEEN CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN RECENT YEARS. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT A CUBAN CANDIDACY WILL BE PRESENTED ON THIS OCCASION. FOREGOING IS PROVIDED AS CONTINGENCY. KISSINGER

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